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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Czech et al GROUP: 2826

SERIAL NO: 09/852,123 EXAMINER: Johannes P. Mondt

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FOR: ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated November 15, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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- 1 1.(Currently amended) An electrostatic discharge (ESD) protective structure that protects  
2 an integrated circuit connected between a first voltage bus with a first supply voltage (VCC)  
3 and a second voltage bus with a second supply voltage (VSS), said electrostatic discharge  
4 protective structure comprising:  
5       a plurality of laterally designed bipolar transistors each having a first load line  
6       connected to the first voltage bus and a second load line connected to the second voltage bus,  
7       wherein said first load lines are electrically parallel to one another and said second load lines